



## **Men Against Violence Against Women**

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**Dr. Russell Foote, CHAIRMAN. Donald Berment, SECRETARY. Desmond Persad, TREASURER.**

Date: Thur/12/Dec/2019

Our Ref: chair/ebc/1

Your Ref: .....

Mr. Mark Ramkerrsingh LLM,  
Chairman,  
Election and Boundaries Commission,  
Scott House 134-138,  
Frederick Street,  
Port of Spain.

**Subject: Alleged Illegal Action Taken  
by the EBC after the 2016 Local  
Government Elections.**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

This short missive to you is twofold. Firstly, it is to report an action taken by the Election and Boundaries Commission in 2016, after that Local Government Election held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 and secondly to update your office on our nonprofit work done in Diego Martin.

I was the Candidate representing the United National Congress, in the Electoral District of Bagatelle/Blue Basin, on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016, during which 2,000 persons voted and I Donald Berment, got 476 votes and Joey Lewis got 1,476 votes.

As such, having received almost 200 percent of the required number of votes to have the deposit tendered, to qualify to be a Candidate refunded, to me directly and to date I have not received one cent of my deposit from the EBC, or told what happened to that money or where it was sent by mistake and my preliminary notice to the EBC, was never acknowledged or responded too, leaves too many unanswered questions.

My casual reading of the Representation of the People Act did not disclose what authority the EBC has or had, to dispose of that \$2,000.00 Deposit, mandated to be returned to a Candidate, in any other manner, than directly to the person depositing it.

Can you please therefore, inform me of the authority the EBC has and had to keep that money and or who they can send it too after Elections, since it was deposited by the person going for the position/office, open for election and should be rightly returned to said depositor, so that my future action to recover my money will be a responsible one.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration. Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely,

*Signed .....Donald Berment, Secretary/Director/DV Counsellor.*

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